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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING
AND DYNAMICALLY ADJUSTING DATA VALUES
ASSOCIATED WITH A REMOTE USER INPUT

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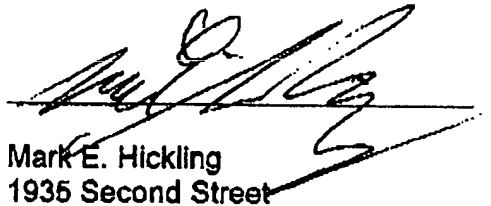
I, Mark E. Hickling, residing at 1935 Second Street, Kirkland, Washington, 98033,

hereby declare that:

1. I am a co-inventor of claims 1-23 of the above-identified patent application and a co-inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein.
2. Prior to December 10, 1997, my co-inventors and I conceived in the United States each concept disclosed in the above-referenced patent application including the concept of allowing a remote client to dynamically adjust data values associated with a remote user. This concept includes a query grid having at least one field and associated data, and at least one adjustable interface option (such as sliders) displayed on a client display device for adjusting the associated data of the field in real time using the remote client to process the adjustment.
3. Subsequent to my co-inventors and I conceiving of the concept, we reduced the invention to practice at Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Washington in the United States of America. The efforts leading to the reduction to practice of the claimed invention began shortly after conception and were completed prior to December 10, 1997. In particular, after conceiving of the aforementioned concept, the concept was reduced to practice and released as a software application (entitled "LoanCalc") prior to December 10, 1997. The LoanCalc software application fully embodied a reduction to practice of the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application. Once the invention was reduced to practice, a period of testing ensued prior to public release of the software. Following the period of testing, work began on drafting the above-identified patent application, which was filed on September 4, 1998. The reduction to practice of the claimed invention is documented in two accompanying exhibits.
4. A first exhibit, Exhibit "B", includes a reproduction of a notebook entry of mine dated March 27, 1995. The notebook entry contains a drawing of the claimed invention. The drawing illustrates the query grid and the adjustable interface option in the form of sliders. These sliders illustrated can be displayed on a client display device and can be used for adjusting data (such as pricing data).
5. A second exhibit, Exhibit "C", includes a revised draft of a user's guide to using the LoanCalc software application. The user's guide was displayed to a user to instruct the user on the operation of the LoanCalc software application. This revised draft is dated August 20, 1996. Specifically, the revised draft of the user's guide instructed a user how to enter data into at least one field of a query grid. Data associated with the field could then be displayed on a client display device. The data could be adjusted using an adjustable interface option (such as sliders) displayed on the client display device. In particular, pricing data could be adjusted by a user using sliders on the client computer.
6. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further

that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent application or any patent issued thereon.

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